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Caspers et al. : Date: February 28, 2005  
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TITLE: PLAIN BEARING SHELL AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A HOLDING  
PROJECTION ON A PLAIN BEARING SHELL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the following preliminary amendments be made to the United States patent application identified above and provided herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper

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